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SUBJ: LENINGRAD PRESS ON U.S.

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1. LENINGRAD PRESS COVERAGE OF U.S. SHOWS SIMILAR ABUNDANCE OF ANTI-AMERICANA, MOST OF IT TASS ITEMS FROM CENTRAL SOVIET PRESS. NUMBER OF SUCH CRITICAL "SPOT REPORT" ITEMS ON U.S., USUALLY OF TASS ATTRIBUTION, HAS BEEN FAIRLY CONSTANT DURING PAST FEW WEEKS. LENINGRAD PRESS IN NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER 1974 CARRIED RELATIVELY FEW "FEATURE" ARTICLES ON ASSORTED ILLS OF THE WEST IN GENERAL AND THE U.S. IN PARTICULAR, BUT TREND THUS FAR IN JANUARY SHOWS

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INCREASE.

2. IN FIRST TEN DAYS OF JANUARY, LENINGRADSKAYA PRAVDA AND KOMSOMOL PAPER SMENA HAVE CARRIED FOUR "FEATURE SPECIALS" OF SOME LENGTH: (A) A PIECE BY G. ALEKSANDROVICH ENTITLED "WRONG BEGINNING" ON THE GENERAL ECONOMIC MISERIES OF THE WEST AND U.S.; (B) AN APN REPORT FROM NEW YORK BY G. GERASIMOV ENTITLED "JUNGLES OF THE BUSINESS WORLD"; (C) AN APN ARTICLE BY VLADIMIR SIMONOV ENTITLED "MICROPHONES UNDER THE BED", ABOUT CIA DOMESTIC OPERATIONS; AND (D) AN EXPOSITION OF POOR CONDITIONS AND UNEMPLOYMENT IN FRANCE IN THE SERIES "THE CAPITALIST WORLD LIKE IT IS."

3. AS EXAMPLE OF CRITICAL SPOT REPORTS, FOLLOWING IS ENUMERATION OF TASS-ATTRIBUTED ITEMS APPEARING IN LENINGRADSKAYA PRAVDA'S "INTERNATIONAL EVENTS" SECTION THUS FAR IN JANUARY:

- "THE DANGEROUS POLICY OF ECONOMIC CONCERNS" (ENTERPRISES)
 - "UNEMPLOYMENT AND EXPENSIVENESS" (RE U.S. ECONOMIC CONDITIONS)
 - AN ACCOUNT OF SECRETARY KISSINGER'S BUSINESS WEEK INTERVIEW
 - AN ACCOUNT OF A RUDE PRAVO ARTICLE ON RELATIONS BETWEEN THE U.S. AND CZECHOSLOVAKIA
 - AN ACCOUNT OF PRESIDENT'S SIGNING OF TRADE BILL WITH MENTION OF ITS DISCRIMINATORY PROVISIONS
 - "UNREASONABLE THREATS" (RE USE OF U.S. MILITARY FORCE IN OIL CRISIS)
 - "BIGGEST GOLD AUCTION" (RE GOLD AND DOLLAR AND DOUBTS IN AMERICA ABOUT STATE OF U.S. ECONOMY)
 - "ULTIMATUM OF RACISTS" (RE RACIAL TROUBLE IN NEW YORK)
 - "DISMAL PERSPECTIVES" (RE BAD ECONOMIC SITUATION IN U.S.)
 - "ACT OF ECONOMIC AGGRESSION" (RE LATIN AMERICAN REACTION TO PROVISIONS OF TRADE REFORM LAW)
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- "U.S. GOVERNMENT CONFERENCE" (RE GOVERNMENT MEETING ON U.S. ECONOMY AND PRESIDENT'S CHARACTERIZATION OF U.S. ECONOMY AS "IN POOR SHAPE.")
- PHOTO SHOWING NEW YORKER PROTESTING HIGHER TAXES, CARRYING SIGN WHICH READS "TAX THE BANKS"
- PHOTO OF UNEMPLOYED AMERICANS WAITING IN LINE AT EMPLOYMENT OFFICE IN DETROIT, WITH ACCOMPANYING COMMENTARY AS TO SERIOUS

EXTENT OF U.S. UNEMPLOYMENT.
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